

Aurora County

Vacant/Andy Peterson



Fishing report:

Wilmarth Mitchell: Panfish Good.

Nelson Lake: No report.



Hunting report: No report.

Beadle County

Chris Kuntz



Fishing Report:

James River: Slow for walleye and catfish.

Lake Byron: Fair for walleye. Crank baits from the shore seem to be producing the most fish.

Cavour Lake: A few crappies are being caught on the east side.



Hunting Report: No report.

Bon Homme County

Todd Crownover



Fishing Report:

Missouri River: Northern Pike are biting good on many things. They have really taken off after the flooding. Catfish are being caught on worms and stink bait. Walleye are being caught on shiners and worms.

Lake Henry: Crappie and bluegill biting on small spinners, minnows and worms. Bass are hitting good on artificial bait. Boat fisherman need reminded that even on small local lakes that all the boat registration requirements need to be met as on any other lake. **Remember bass must be 15 inches to keep.**

Clear Lake and Merkel Lake: Bullheads are biting, many are good sized and are making a great meal



Hunting Report: No activity.

Brookings County

Jeff Grendler



Fishing Reports: Fishing activity is expected to increase with the warmer weather of spring. A steady rise in angler numbers and success has been seen this past week in the southern portions of Brookings County. All lakes are clear of ice and boat docks are in place.

East Hwy 81 ponds: A few walleye in the 14-17 inch range are being caught from shore. There hasn't been a consistent bite as of yet.

Brush Lake: Walleye fishing has picked up and fishing has been good. Lots of nice fish being caught in that 18-23 inch range. Casting jig and minnow or trolling has worked the best.

Lake Poinsett: Quite a few northerns and a few walleye being caught.

Goldsmith: Walleye fishing has been very good with quite a few fish caught both from shore and from boat. Walleyes averaging 16 inches.

Campbell: Very little activity.

Sinai: A few walleyes being caught in the 13-14 inch range. Spinners and crawlers seem to be working the best. Fishing has been best in that 4-8 foot of water

East Oakwood: Very little activity.

West Oakwood: Very little activity.

Oak Lake: No activity. Oak lake experienced some winterkill this winter and netting results did not look favorable.

Hendricks: Crappie and whitebass are been caught along shore using crappie rig and minnows. Crappie have been decent size. Whitebass have been all different sizes. Northern pike fishing has been really good with quite a few in that 4-5 lb range.

Big Sioux: A few catfish and an occasional walleye are being caught.



Hunting Report:

Clay County

Tony Stokely



Fishing Report:

Rivers: Producing catfish and a few walleyes. Navigation is tough with minimal output of water in Yankton.



Hunting Report:

Davison County

Andy Petersen



Fishing Report:

Remember Firesteel Creek is off limits to the taking of any baitfish.

Lake Mitchell: A few bluebills being caught.

James River: A few catfish being caught using stink bait.



Hunting Report: No report.

Hanson County

Andy Petersen/Matt Talbert



Fishing Report:

Lake Hanson: Northern on east end.

Ethan Dam: No report.

James River: A few catfish being caught using stink bait.



Hunting Report: No report.

Hutchinson County

Brian Humphrey



Fishing: Catfish and walleyes have slowed down on the James River, but a few are still being caught. The water levels are starting to recede. A few recently stocked 14 inch walleyes are being caught on Dimock Lake.



Hunting: No activity.

Jerauld County

Vacant/Chris Kuntz



Fishing Report: No report.



Hunting Report: No report.

Kingsbury County

Shane Van Bockern



Fishing Reports:

Lake Thompson: Fair to good. Anglers have been catching walleye, crappie, white bass, smallmouth bass and pike.

West 81: Fair-good for walleye.

Lake Whitewood: Fair bullhead bite.

Lake Henry: Slow – fair. Walleye and small pike.

Lake Albert: Slow – fair. Walleye and pike

Spirit Lake: No report

Lake Preston: No activity



Hunting Report: No report.

Lake County

Cody Symens



Fishing Report: All bodies of water in Lake County are open.

Lake Madison: Occasional walleye bite from Johnson's Point, slow for the most part.

Lake Herman: Anglers are catching a few walleye, white bass, and northern pike. Walleyes range from 14-20", white bass ranging from 10-17", smaller sized northern pike.

Brant Lake: Northern pike bite has been good for the last week, nice sized bullhead on the west bridge.

Long Lake: No activity.

Lake George: Slow walleye bite but anglers picking up a few in the 15" range.

Lake Henry: Inconsistent walleye bite but rumors have it they are hitting again. Walleyes are ranging from 12-18".



Hunting Report: No activity.

Lincoln County

Nate Stukel



Fishing Report:

Big Sioux River: A few Catfish are being caught; the best time appears to be in the early morning or late evening.

Hudson: Bluegills are biting this week. The bass bite has slowed a bit.

Lake Alvin: Anglers are reporting catching a couple Largemouth Bass and few small Crappies this week.

Lake Lakota: More fishing activity this week. Bullhead and a few Largemouth Bass are being caught.



Hunting Report: No activity.

McCook County

Matt Talbert



Fishing Report: Fishing has been slow across the county.

Lake Vermillion: Slow to fair activity.

Island Lake:

Lehrman Slough:



Hunting Report: No report.

Miner County

Evan Meyer



Fishing Report:



Hunting Report: No activity.

Minnehaha County

Jeremy Rakowicz/Jared Hill/Jeremy Roe



Fishing Report:

Beaver Lake: Slow

Scott Slough: Slow

South Island Lake: Slow

North Island Lake: Slow. Remember Muskies must be over 40".

Loss Lake: A few good walleyes have been caught.

Lost Lake: Slow

Twin Lakes: Slow (**REMEMBER: 28 inch minimum on Walleyes.**)

Family Park: Slow.

Wall Lake: Slow

Clear Lake: Slow



Hunting Report:

Moody County

Chad Williams



Fishing Report:

Big Sioux River: Anglers are having fair success catching catfish, northern pike, and walleye. River level is still up, and the walleye fishing has slowed down.



Hunting Report: No activity observed.

Sanborn County

Evan Meyer



Fishing Report: A few catfish being caught on the James River using stink bait.



Hunting Report: No activity.

Turner County

Brian Humphrey



Fishing Report: A few catfish are being caught on the Vermillion River near Centerville. No activity observed at Swan Lake.



Hunting: No activity observed.

Union County

Tony Stokely / Nate Stukel



Fishing Report: Missouri River is having some success with catfish but again, river is low. Rosenbaum Boat Ramp is out of use due to low water. Sioux River is tough to access for shore fishermen due to the high water.

McCook Lake: No report.



Hunting Report: No activity.

Yankton County

Sam Schelhaas



Fishing Report: There have been lots of boats out but not sure how they are doing.

Marindahl: Panfish have been biting. Bluegill and Crappie. Catfish fair.

Lewis and Clark: Walleye bite has slowed down. Still some nice ones being caught pulling crankbaits.

James River: Catfish is good. The river is high making access tough in some places.

Lake Yankton: Panfish are good.

Missouri River: No Report.



Hunting Report: No activity.

Region 3 updates.